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Election of one expert to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has received the nomination of Liliane **Muzangi Mbela** from the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fill a vacancy on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues[1] occasioned by the recent passing of Njuma **Ekundanayo** of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who was elected to the Permanent Forum for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2005.

2. Biographical information on the candidate is given below.

Liliane Muzangi Mbela

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Languages

French, Lingala, Kikongo, English

Education

Graduate of the Institut supérieur pédagogique (teaching college) (Gombe), Kinshasa

Options: French, African Linguistics

[1] See Economic and Social Council decision 2004/201C and E for information on all eight experts elected by the Council.

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1976-77 First degree in law from the University of Kinshasa (formerly the National University of Zaire)

Completed introductory course in micro-computer use: Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet

Training organized for State officials by the Ministry of Planning and the Hans Seidel Foundation.

Work experience

September 1981-March 1982	Period of work experience at Kabambare High School, Kinshasa
1982-1983	Teacher at the La Bambinière-Osase School
1983-1990	Research Assistant, Museum of National History; Tour guide, Museum of National History; Administration and Public Relations Officer for sessions of the Party School
1992-1993	Assistant to the Secretary-General for Staffing (Human Resources), Civil Service Ministry
1993-2003	Editor and head of the mail reception and administration office, Office of the Secretary-General for Assets, Civil Service Ministry
August 2003-May 2004	Administrative Adviser, Office of the President of the National Assembly
June 2004	Head of Division in charge of Editorial and Press Affairs, Press Division, Administration of the National Assembly

Activities

- Active member of the Association of Women Civil Servants
- Head of the Women's Section of the Union of Congolese Workers, part of the National Federation of the State Public Sector
- Member of the "Friends of the Pygmies" Association, in charge of women's and girls' issues
- Member of the Administrative Board of the non-governmental organization "la Providence", with responsibility for protection of mothers and children, food relief for malnourished children, and protection of children accused of witchcraft
- Focal point for the New York non-governmental organization Moziki Society, responsible for supervision of Congolese girls in Kinshasa schools
- National Assembly focal point for the Gender Unit of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)
- National Assembly gender focal point for the Ministry of the Situation of Women.

Experience

July 1984	Seminar organized by the National Union of Zairian Workers, on "The role of women civil servants in the printing and publication sector in the Republic of Zaire", Kinshasa.
July 1985	Symposium on the situation of women and the family: reflections on the situation of women working in the specialized branches of the party-State.
December 2001	Seminar on partnership between the State and non-governmental organizations caring for children and women, organized in Kinshasa by the "Women and Development" office of the United Nations Development Programme.
March 2003	Seminar entitled "Rally for Peace", organized in Johannesburg by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and South Africa.
April 2003	Gender Observer at the closure of the inter-Congolese dialogue in Sun City, South Africa (UNIFEM).
April 2003	Seminar entitled "Involvement of Congolese women in political decision-making", organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Dynamics of Political Women in the Democratic Congo (DYNAFEP).
May 2003	Seminar on "Women and the consolidation of peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", organized in Kinshasa by UNIFEM and South Africa.
September 2003	Training workshop on "Conflict management for women", organized in Kigali by the Conflict Settlement Centre of the University of Cape Town and the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations.
January 2004	Seminar organized in Kinshasa by European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) on "Capacity-building for women in parliament and civil society".
January 2004	Workshop-seminar organized by UNDP and the National Programme for the Advancement of Congolese Women, on the training of gender focal points and the organization of the network of focal points in public administration.
March 2004	Forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations, New York, on women's participation in the peace process, and the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality.

I hereby certify that the above information is truthful and accurate.